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**NISHIUMI et al.**

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For: **OPERATING DEVICE AND IMAGE  
PROCESSING SYSTEM USING SAME**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the Official Action dated August 31, 1999, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 15, 16, 23 and 24 without prejudice or disclaimer.

**REMARKS**

In view of the amendments and remarks herein, favorable reconsideration  
and allowance of all claims as presently presented are respectfully solicited. By

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